GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSHIPMENT TERMINAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for the construction of a new Transhipment Terminal at Vizhinjam, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had appointed any Committee to study the feasibility of the project; and

(d) if so, the finding of Committee thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)
(a) & (b) The Government of Kerala requested for inclusion of the project for a deep water container transhipment terminal at Vizhinjam under the 'Sagar Mala' Programme which was announced by the then Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003. However, overall responsibility and control of ports other than major ports, including their construction and development, vests with the respective State Governments under Indian Ports Act, 1908. Construction of a new transhipment terminal at Vizhinjam, Kerala is, therefore, within the powers of the Government of Kerala.
(c) & (d) Government of India has not appointed any Committee for the purpose.